

Pollutant	Ambient Measurement	Averaging Period	Type of Summary	Standard Level Concentration		
				Primary National	Secondary National	North Carolina
TSP	24 hour average	1 year	geometric mean	(¹)	(¹)	75 µg/m ³
		1 day	2nd maximum	(¹)	(¹)	150 µg/m ³
PM-10	24 hour average	1 year	average ² arithmetic mean	50 µg/m ³	50 µg/m ³	50 µg/m ³
		1 day	2nd maximum ³	150 µg/m ³	150 µg/m ³	150 µg/m ³
PM-2.5	24 hour average	1 year	average ² arithmetic mean	15 µg/m ³	15 µg/m ³	(⁴)
		1 day	average ² 98th percentile	65 µg/m ³	65 µg/m ³	(⁴)
CO	1 hour average	8 hours	2nd maximum	9 ppm (10 mg/m ³)		9 ppm (10 mg/m ³)
		1 hour	2nd maximum	35 ppm (40 mg/m ³)		35 ppm (40 mg/m ³)
O ₃	1 hour average	1 hour	expected ⁵ 2nd maximum	0.12 ppm (235 µg/m ³)	0.12 ppm (235 µg/m ³)	0.12 ppm (235 µg/m ³)
		8 hours	expected arith. mean ⁵ 4th maximum	0.08 ppm (157 µg/m ³)	0.08 ppm (157 µg/m ³)	(⁶)
SO ₂	1 hour average	1 year	arithmetic mean	0.03 ppm (80 µg/m ³)		0.03 ppm (80 µg/m ³)
		1 day	2nd maximum	0.14 ppm (365 µg/m ³)		0.14 ppm (365 µg/m ³)
		3 hours (non-overlapping)	2nd maximum		0.50 ppm (1300 µg/m ³)	0.50 ppm (1300 µg/m ³)
NO ₂	1 hour average	1 year	arithmetic mean	0.053 ppm (100 µg/m ³)	0.053 ppm (100 µg/m ³)	0.053 ppm (100 µg/m ³)
Pb	24-hour average	1 quarter	arithmetic mean	1.5 µg/m ³	1.5 µg/m ³	1.5 µg/m ³

NOTES:

¹National TSP standards were discontinued in 1987 and superseded by standards for PM-10.

²Arithmetic mean over the 3 most current years.

³In July 1997, the basis for this standard was changed to the 99th percentile instead of the 2nd maximum.

⁴National PM-2.5 standards became effective in July 1997 and probably will be adopted as North Carolina standards.

⁵Arithmetic mean over the 3 most recent complete calendar years.

⁶The 8-hour average ozone standard became effective in July 1997 and probably will be adopted as the North Carolina standard.

3. Monitoring Sites

North Carolina has 117 sites for monitoring air quality across the state. This network